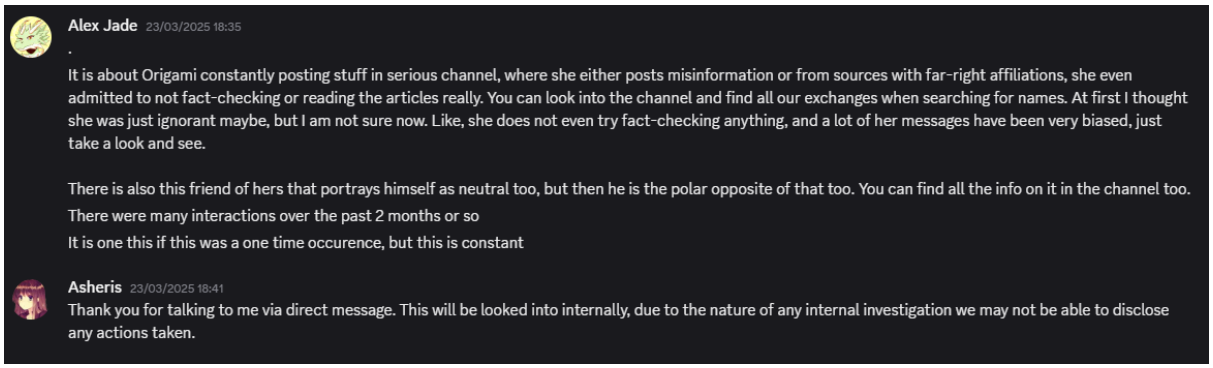
This is a rundown of the main problems with Rainbow Library. I am skipping the smaller stuff and focusing on the bigger issues.

On Origami

First and most importantly, the main issue is Origami. I have written a full document that compiles almost everything related to the situation. This issue has been brought up with the moderators multiple times over the past several months, but nothing has ever been done. This has been discussed at multiple points over the course of several months with Akimbo, Goldsteel, Asheris, and few others.



Alex Jade 23/03/2025 18:35

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It is about Origami constantly posting stuff in serious channel, where she either posts misinformation or from sources with far-right affiliations, she even admitted to not fact-checking or reading the articles really. You can look into the channel and find all our exchanges when searching for names. At first I thought she was just ignorant maybe, but I am not sure now. Like, she does not even try fact-checking anything, and a lot of her messages have been very biased, just take a look and see.

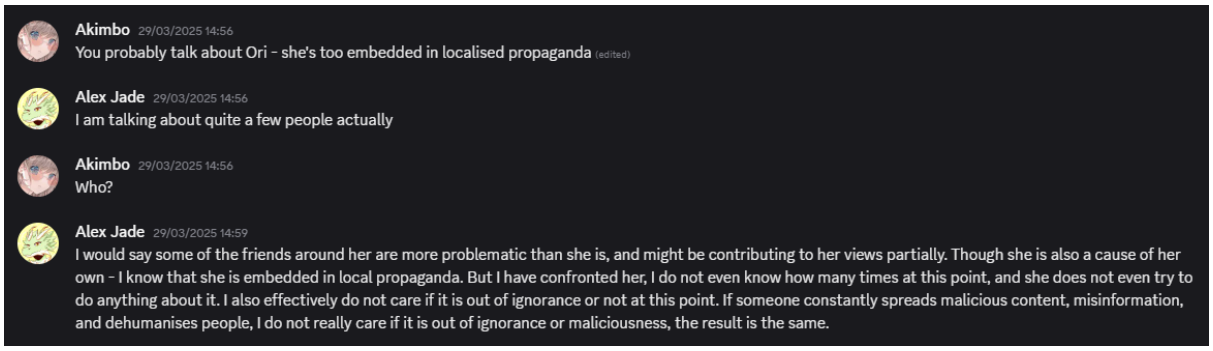
There is also this friend of hers that portrays himself as neutral too, but then he is the polar opposite of that too. You can find all the info on it in the channel too.

There were many interactions over the past 2 months or so

It is one this if this was a one time occurence, but this is constant

Asheris 23/03/2025 18:41

Thank you for talking to me via direct message. This will be looked into internally, due to the nature of any internal investigation we may not be able to disclose any actions taken.



Akimbo 29/03/2025 14:56

You probably talk about Ori - she's too embedded in localised propaganda (edited)

Alex Jade 29/03/2025 14:56

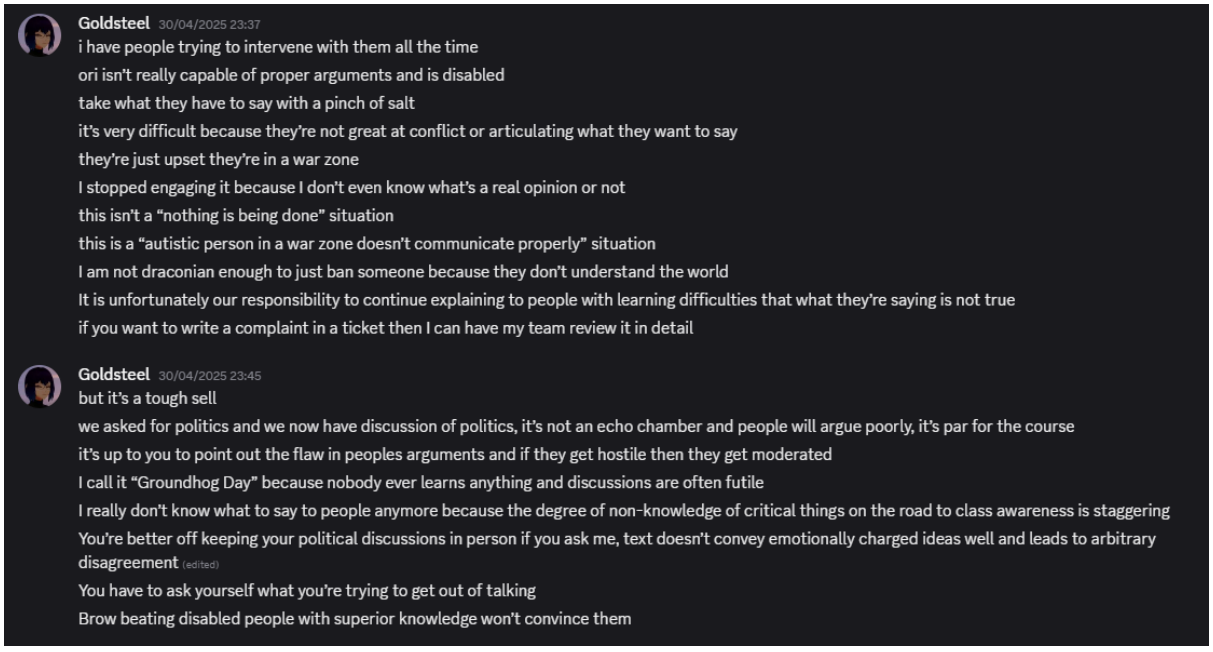
I am talking about quite a few people actually

Akimbo 29/03/2025 14:56

Who?

Alex Jade 29/03/2025 14:59

I would say some of the friends around her are more problematic than she is, and might be contributing to her views partially. Though she is also a cause of her own - I know that she is embedded in local propaganda. But I have confronted her, I do not even know how many times at this point, and she does not even try to do anything about it. I also effectively do not care if it is out of ignorance or not at this point. If someone constantly spreads malicious content, misinformation, and dehumanises people, I do not really care if it is out of ignorance or maliciousness, the result is the same.



Goldsteel 30/04/2025 23:37

i have people trying to intervene with them all the time

ori isn't really capable of proper arguments and is disabled

take what they have to say with a pinch of salt

it's very difficult because they're not great at conflict or articulating what they want to say

they're just upset they're in a war zone

I stopped engaging it because I don't even know what's a real opinion or not

this isn't a "nothing is being done" situation

this is a "autistic person in a war zone doesn't communicate properly" situation

I am not draconian enough to just ban someone because they don't understand the world

It is unfortunately our responsibility to continue explaining to people with learning difficulties that what they're saying is not true

if you want to write a complaint in a ticket then I can have my team review it in detail

Goldsteel 30/04/2025 23:45

but it's a tough sell

we asked for politics and we now have discussion of politics, it's not an echo chamber and people will argue poorly, it's par for the course

it's up to you to point out the flaw in peoples arguments and if they get hostile then they get moderated

I call it "Groundhog Day" because nobody ever learns anything and discussions are often futile

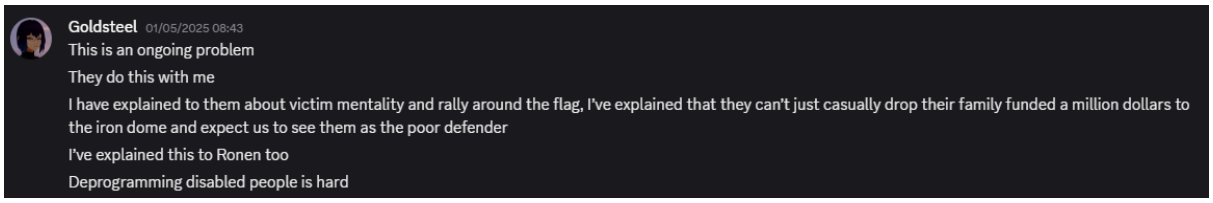
I really don't know what to say to people anymore because the degree of non-knowledge of critical things on the road to class awareness is staggering

You're better off keeping your political discussions in person if you ask me, text doesn't convey emotionally charged ideas well and leads to arbitrary disagreement (edited)

You have to ask yourself what you're trying to get out of talking

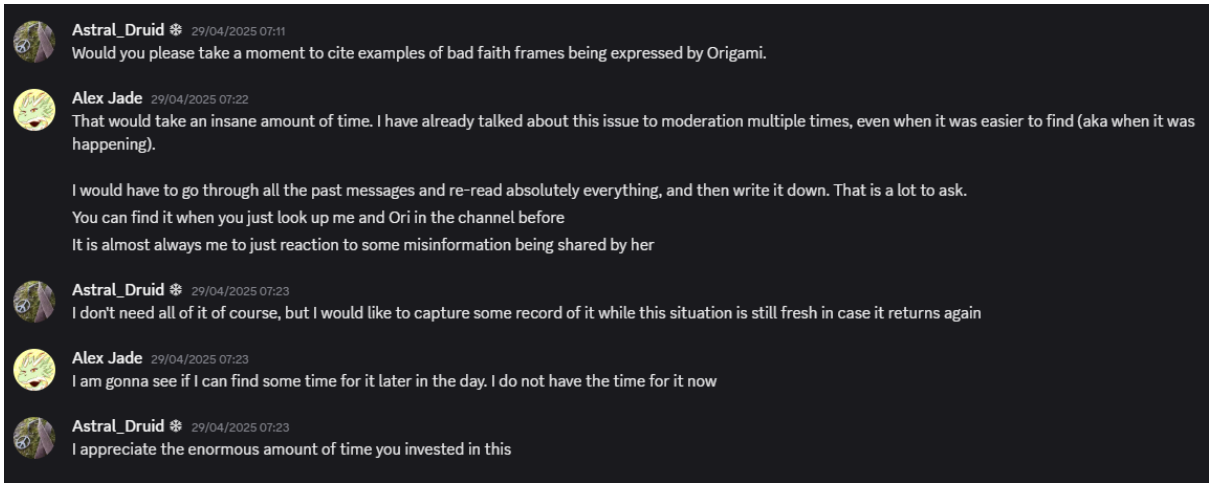
Brow beating disabled people with superior knowledge won't convince them

The picture above shows a bullshit excuse from Goldsteel. Astral Druid used the same excuse during the call, that the reason why she does all those shitty things is „because she is autistic“. Which is just pretty gross ableism. Then uses that argument to weaponize it against me.



And again.

Toward the end of April or the beginning of May, I created a formal ticket to push the matter forward. One of the moderators specifically told me to do this, which will be relevant later.

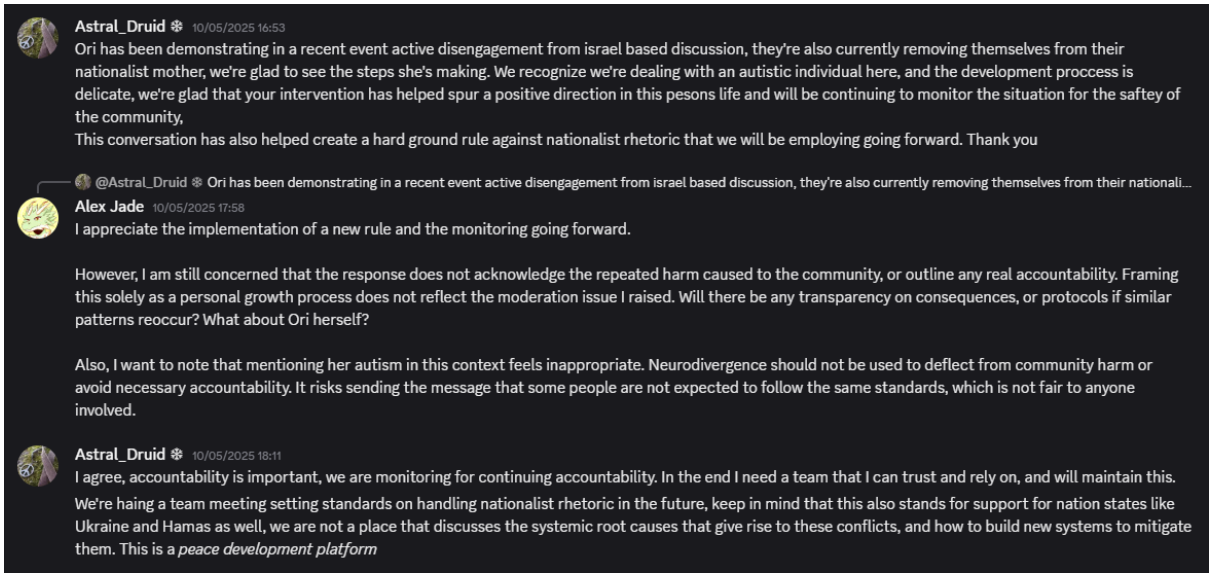


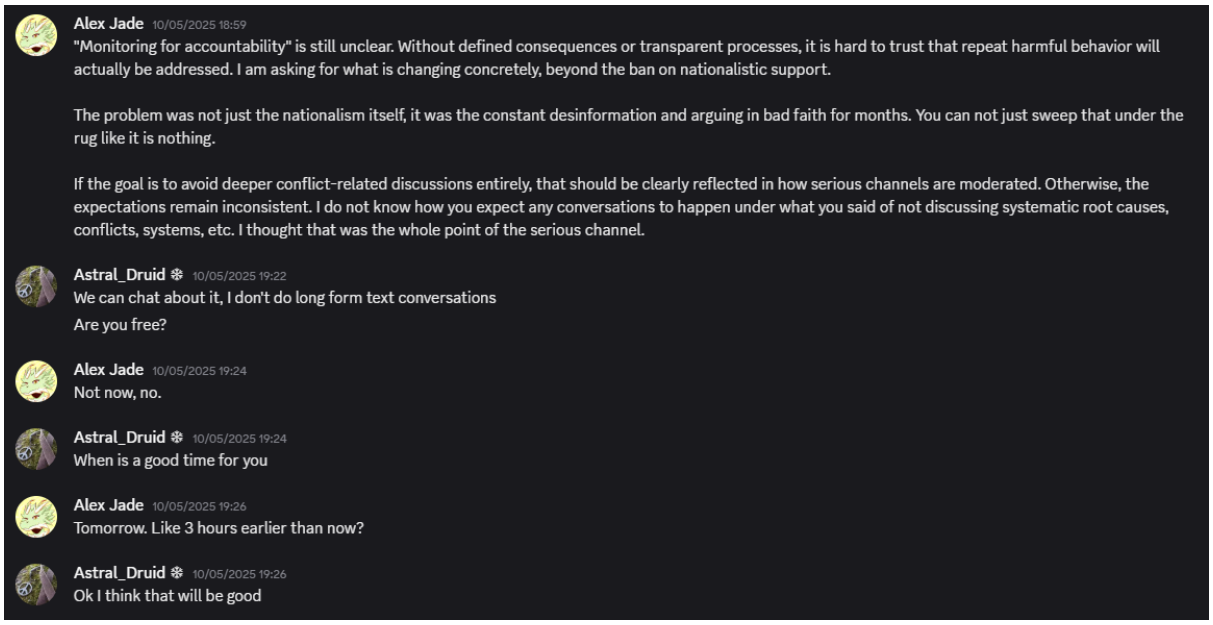
The ticket received very little attention. Amy (Goldsteel), the moderator who originally told me to make the ticket, made a few comments. Another moderator also responded, but it was obvious they had not read the ticket or the document I provided, because their response made no sense. When I pointed this out, they said they would leave the issue to other moderators.

One more moderator commented and agreed that something should be done. After that, I was told we had to wait for more moderators to share their thoughts and that there would be meetings about it. Nothing happened. There were no updates on the ticket for weeks.

Eventually, Astral Druid messaged me and said we would have a call to discuss the issue. We did have that call. There was also a short text conversation before the call, which I will include below. During the call, I was told the reason for the lack of response was that Origami could also see the ticket, since she is a moderator, and they did not want to hurt her feelings. I was told she was improving and that her behavior would not be an issue again. That is not true, considering her ongoing

actions, including attending a nationalist rally and posting inappropriate things on Twitter.





What I was told next was the most frustrating part. I was told nothing would be done because she is their friend. They admitted that if anyone else had acted the same way, they would have been banned months ago. But because it is Origami, she is being treated differently. The moderator I spoke with did not seem to understand how serious and wrong that is. I said that at the very least, she should not continue to be a moderator, even if only temporarily. I was told that doing so would make her feel bad. And that is where it ended. Nothing will be done.

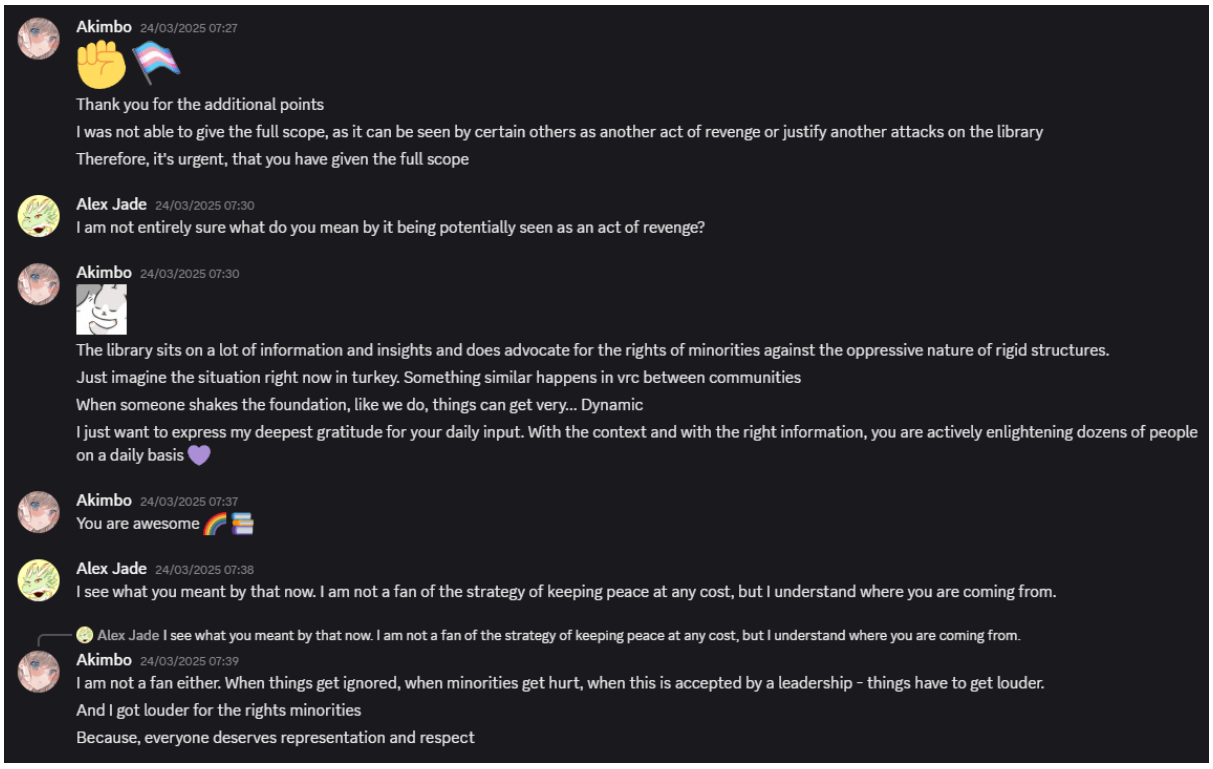
As a bonus, during the conversation with that moderator, I was actually blamed for making the ticket. I was told to drop the issue entirely and not bring it up again, even if it happens again. On top of that, I was randomly accused of things that had nothing

to do with the situation. Meanwhile, the rest of the moderators, including the owners, have stayed completely silent, even though they are fully aware of what is going on.

On Akimbo

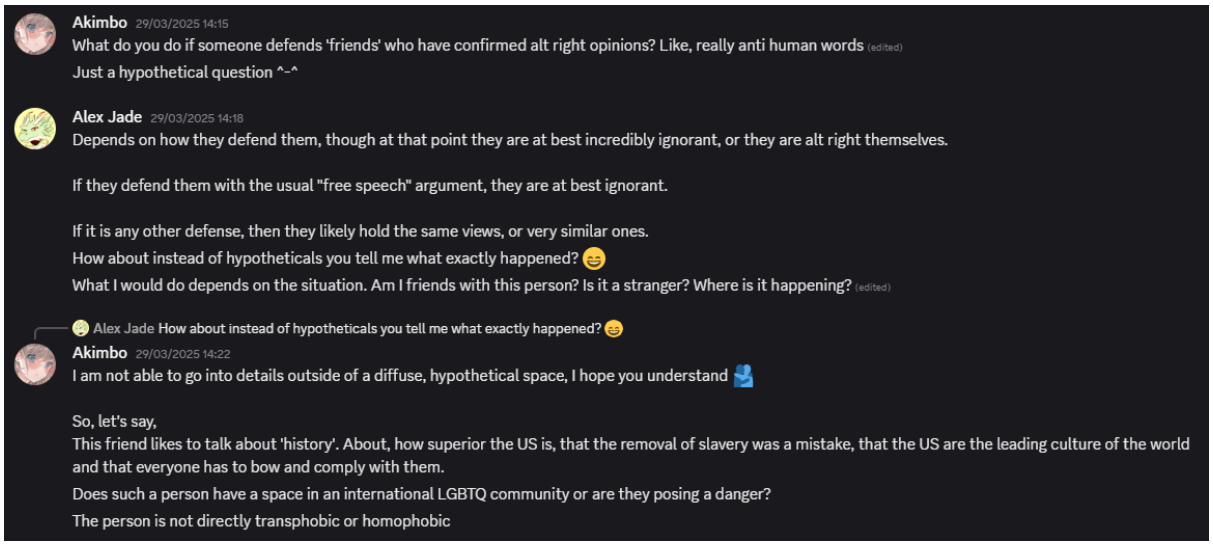
She loves giving speeches about how we should act, lead, and improve things, but never actually follows through on any of it. She does not step in when it matters. Instead, she just lets things happen and then privately messages me afterward to say I handled it well. Maybe if she did her job, I would not have to.

Her excuse is that stepping in might create “hostility” toward the community. That is why nothing gets dealt with, not the extremists, not the serious stuff. Astral Druid backed this up during our call, saying they avoid calling out Zionists, fascists, and others like that because they are scared those people might come after the server. So the answer is to just let them stick around. It is completely absurd.



She goes on about a “hypothetical” situation that is not hypothetical at all. Acts surprised that I take a hard stance on fascists, and calls it “interesting” when I say that if you do not kick them out, you're complicit. Then she says this kind of thing is exactly why Rainbow Library was created and why it split from Trans Academy, but the exact same shit is happening here. For context, Trans Academy was already a

mess, but Rainbow Library is somehow managing to be even worse now.



Akimbo 29/03/2025 14:15
What do you do if someone defends 'friends' who have confirmed alt right opinions? Like, really anti human words (edited)
Just a hypothetical question ^-^

Alex Jade 29/03/2025 14:18
Depends on how they defend them, though at that point they are at best incredibly ignorant, or they are alt right themselves.

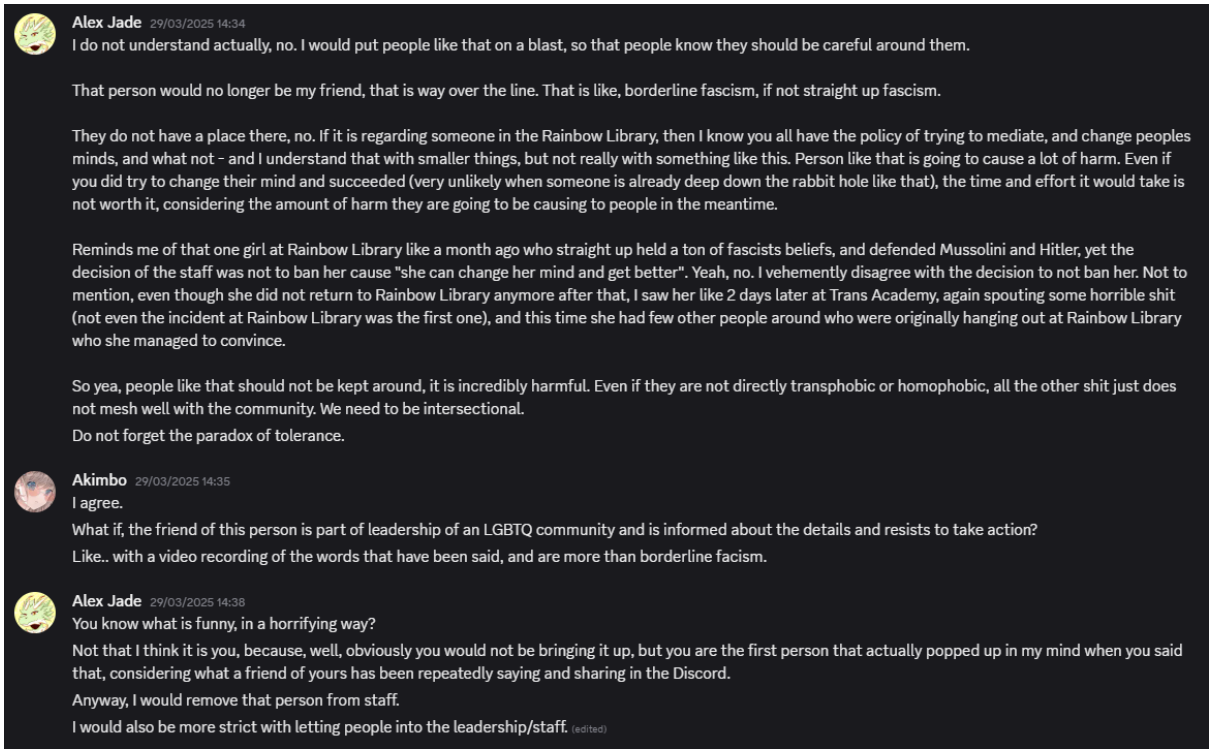
If they defend them with the usual "free speech" argument, they are at best ignorant.

If it is any other defense, then they likely hold the same views, or very similar ones.
How about instead of hypotheticals you tell me what exactly happened? 😆
What I would do depends on the situation. Am I friends with this person? Is it a stranger? Where is it happening? (edited)

> Alex Jade How about instead of hypotheticals you tell me what exactly happened? 😆

Akimbo 29/03/2025 14:22
I am not able to go into details outside of a diffuse, hypothetical space, I hope you understand 🫂

So, let's say,
This friend likes to talk about 'history'. About, how superior the US is, that the removal of slavery was a mistake, that the US are the leading culture of the world and that everyone has to bow and comply with them.
Does such a person have a space in an international LGBTQ community or are they posing a danger?
The person is not directly transphobic or homophobic



Alex Jade 29/03/2025 14:34
I do not understand actually, no. I would put people like that on a blast, so that people know they should be careful around them.

That person would no longer be my friend, that is way over the line. That is like, borderline fascism, if not straight up fascism.

They do not have a place there, no. If it is regarding someone in the Rainbow Library, then I know you all have the policy of trying to mediate, and change peoples minds, and what not – and I understand that with smaller things, but not really with something like this. Person like that is going to cause a lot of harm. Even if you did try to change their mind and succeeded (very unlikely when someone is already deep down the rabbit hole like that), the time and effort it would take is not worth it, considering the amount of harm they are going to be causing to people in the meantime.

Reminds me of that one girl at Rainbow Library like a month ago who straight up held a ton of fascists beliefs, and defended Mussolini and Hitler, yet the decision of the staff was not to ban her cause "she can change her mind and get better". Yeah, no. I vehemently disagree with the decision to not ban her. Not to mention, even though she did not return to Rainbow Library anymore after that, I saw her like 2 days later at Trans Academy, again spouting some horrible shit (not even the incident at Rainbow Library was the first one), and this time she had few other people around who were originally hanging out at Rainbow Library who she managed to convince.

So yea, people like that should not be kept around, it is incredibly harmful. Even if they are not directly transphobic or homophobic, all the other shit just does not mesh well with the community. We need to be intersectional.
Do not forget the paradox of tolerance.

Akimbo 29/03/2025 14:35
I agree.
What if, the friend of this person is part of leadership of an LGBTQ community and is informed about the details and resists to take action?
Like.. with a video recording of the words that have been said, and are more than borderline facism.

Alex Jade 29/03/2025 14:38
You know what is funny, in a horrifying way?
Not that I think it is you, because, well, obviously you would not be bringing it up, but you are the first person that actually popped up in my mind when you said that, considering what a friend of yours has been repeatedly saying and sharing in the Discord.
Anyway, I would remove that person from staff.
I would also be more strict with letting people into the leadership/staff. (edited)

Alex Jade Anyway, I would remove that person from staff.

Akimbo 29/03/2025 14:40
What if, that person is so embedded into a community that a removal is not possible?

Alex Jade 29/03/2025 14:40
You might as well not be hypothetical at this point, honestly.

I do not really see how that could be the case. You can replace almost everyone.
What makes them not removable?

Alex Jade What makes them not removable?

Akimbo 29/03/2025 14:41
They live together with the founder (edited)

Alex Jade 29/03/2025 14:42
That is a bigger issue then them being in the community then XD I would move out if I was that other person

Alex Jade Not that I think it is you, because, well, obviously you would not be bringing it up, but you are the first person that actually popped up in my mind when you said that, con...

Akimbo 29/03/2025 14:42
Heck no xD I know what you mean, but missing knowledge and being lead by local propaganda is not the same issue that I am addressing. The thing you are thinking about needs reason and arguments. (edited)

@Akimbo Heck no xD I know what you mean, but missing knowledge and being lead by local propaganda is not the same issue that I am addressing. The thing you are thinking abou...

Alex Jade 29/03/2025 14:43
Debatable, but lets focus on the thing you are talking about for now.
Assuming I am the founder, I would still remove them
because

Alex Jade That is a bigger issue then them being in the community then XD I would move out if I was that other person

Akimbo 29/03/2025 14:43
Interesting point. I agree.

Alex Jade 29/03/2025 14:44
First of all, I would see it as my duty to remove them, otherwise I am becoming complicit
And second of all, even if I do not remove them
We will still have conflicts irl now that I know about it

Alex Jade First of all, I would see it as my duty to remove them, otherwise I am becoming complicit

Akimbo 29/03/2025 14:44
Very interesting stance.

Alex Jade 29/03/2025 14:45
We all have a duty towards others. Even if we take it into extreme, even if removing this person from the community would make my life hell irl
I would still do it
I am not gonna let others suffer to have a peace of mind

Akimbo 29/03/2025 14:46
What if the person who cannot be removed has also created emotional harm to members of the LGBTQ community, the founder knows about this and still does nothing
What if the emotional harm lead to stress, temporary blindness and a chase of overdosing on medication (suicide attempt) out of stress in multiple community members
How would you proceed in that situation?
Not as the founder, but from a perspective of a bystander

Alex Jade 29/03/2025 14:49
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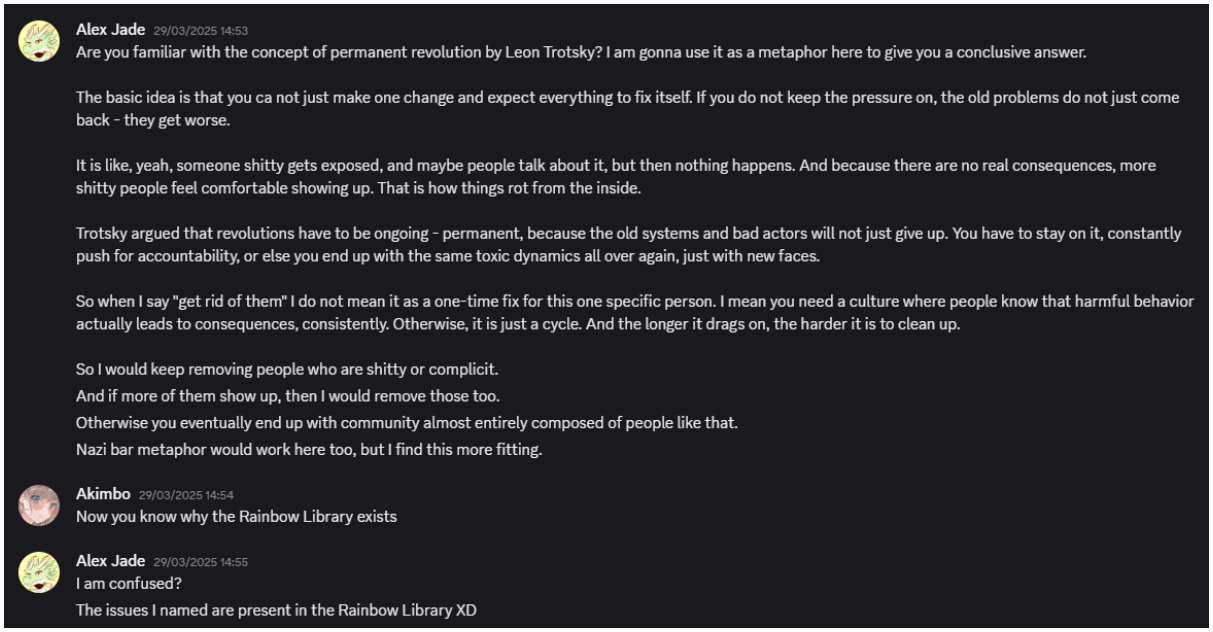
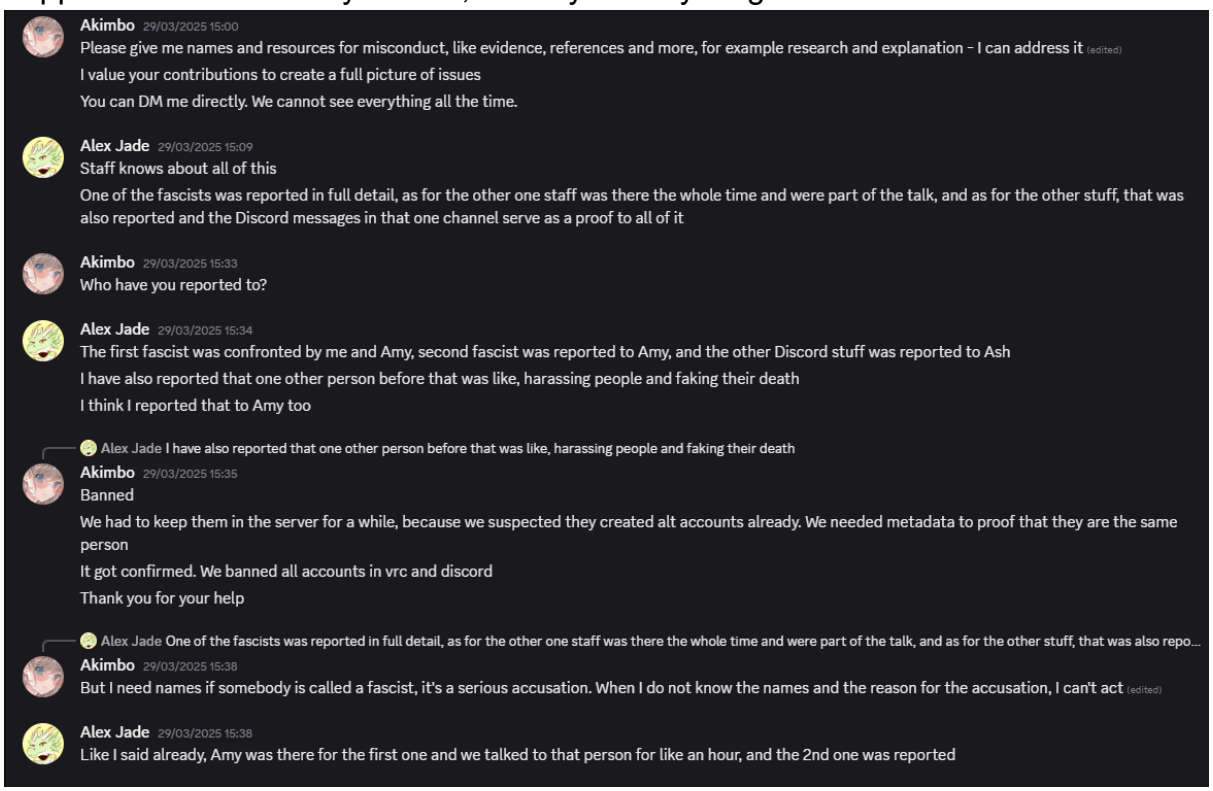
Akimbo 29/03/2025 14:49
Yes



I told her about the different fascists that showed up in Rainbow Library and never got banned. Mods knew, as they were told more than once, and some of them saw it happen with their own eyes. Still, nobody did anything.



She has not responded or said anything about the whole Origami situation, but it is not hard to guess where she stands. She knows everything that has been going on. Also, Asheris always says stuff will be talked about internally, but nothing ever actually comes out of it.

On moderation

Moderation is basically non-existent unless it is something minor. They will throw just about anyone onto the mod team, even if they have no idea what they are doing. When something serious happens in the Library, they are always too afraid to step in or deal with it. But somehow they have no problem stepping in over the smallest things.

And the “solution” to all of this? When I asked Astral Druid during the call how moderation actually works, she told me the official policy is that there are no real rules, it is all “vibe based.” So you do not get banned for breaking rules, you get banned (or not) depending on whether some random, clueless mod happens to like you.

Take the new anti-nationalism rule, for example. I think it is a good rule, but I am not exactly excited about it. Why? Because most of the mods cannot even recognize nationalism when they see it. How are you supposed to enforce a rule that the moderators do not even understand? A lot of them do not even know the rules to begin with. Just recently, I votekicked a group of nationalists in an instance. There were three moderators there at the time, and not only did they not know about the anti-nationalism rule, they could not even tell it was nationalism.

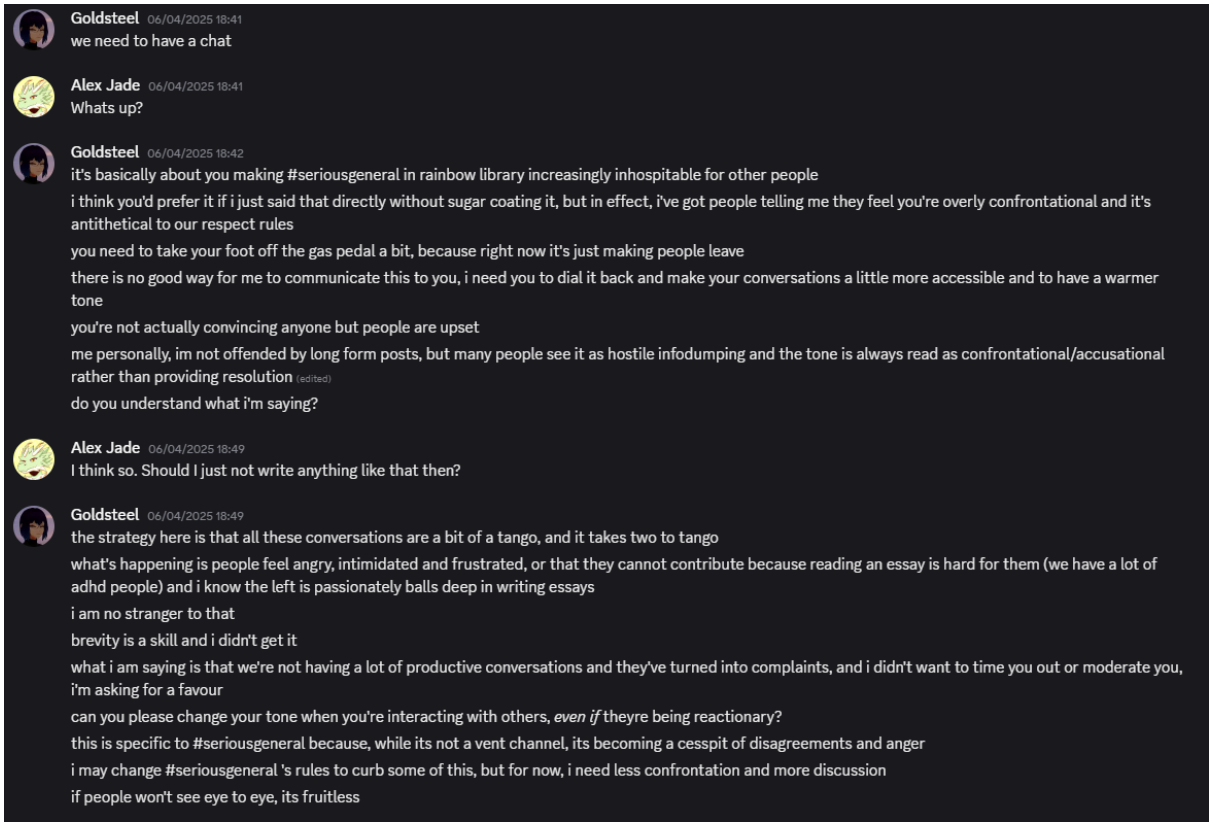
Some of the moderators also have pretty awful views themselves. Take Lauren, for example — she openly supports the U.S. military. When I confronted her about it and tried to send her some resources, she straight-up said she would not read anything I sent. Then there is Pyrus, who was too scared to deal with actual fascists in an instance, but has no problem kicking people just because of the “vibe” of their banner or group — even when it is completely SFW and not breaking any rules. Meanwhile, he constantly breaks the rules himself by running around and shooting people with guns.

Then there is Laufey. After I votekicked someone who came into the Library as an armed cop, they pulled me aside to tell me there is nothing wrong with cops and that I should not do that again. And Prismatic? Instead of just being honest about a situation, they chose to lie to my face. To back it up, they linked an article that did not even say what they claimed it did - clearly, they never read it in the first place.

Honestly, I could keep going. There are plenty of other mods who just sit around and do absolutely nothing. And it is even worse over on Discord. Ironically, in the serious channels, I was the most active one dealing with stuff, and I am not even a moderator. The actual mods never stepped in, never handled anything.

And as for me stepping up? Every time I called someone out or tried to educate them, I ended up getting warnings from the mods. Apparently, I was being “too mean” to those poor assholes. Or I was told my messages were too long and that was somehow discriminatory, because some people “can’t read that much.” One

even said I was using words that were too difficult. That is what moderation looks like here.



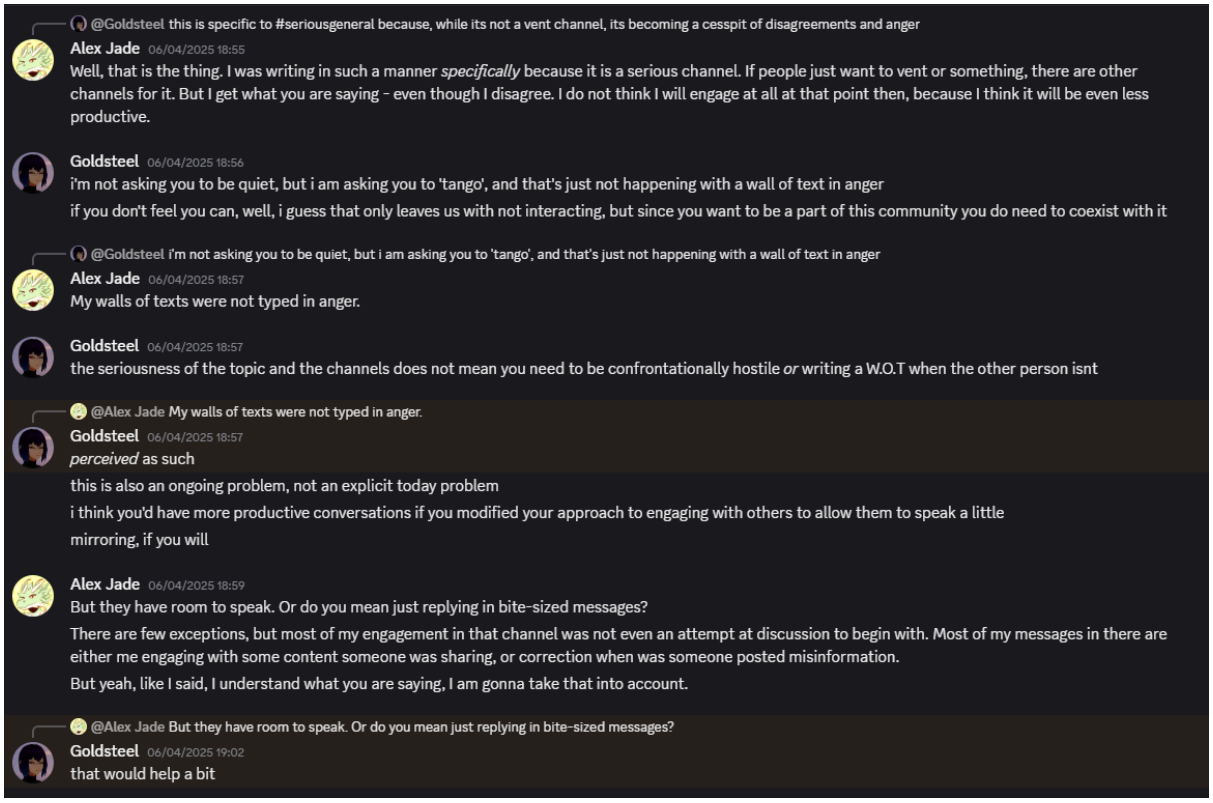
Goldsteel 06/04/2025 18:41
we need to have a chat

Alex Jade 06/04/2025 18:41
Whats up?

Goldsteel 06/04/2025 18:42
it's basically about you making #seriousgeneral in rainbow library increasingly inhospitable for other people
i think you'd prefer it if i just said that directly without sugar coating it, but in effect, i've got people telling me they feel you're overly confrontational and it's antithetical to our respect rules
you need to take your foot off the gas pedal a bit, because right now it's just making people leave
there is no good way for me to communicate this to you, i need you to dial it back and make your conversations a little more accessible and to have a warmer tone
you're not actually convincing anyone but people are upset
me personally, im not offended by long form posts, but many people see it as hostile infodumping and the tone is always read as confrontational/accusational rather than providing resolution (edited)
do you understand what i'm saying?

Alex Jade 06/04/2025 18:49
I think so. Should I just not write anything like that then?

Goldsteel 06/04/2025 18:49
the strategy here is that all these conversations are a bit of a tango, and it takes two to tango
what's happening is people feel angry, intimidated and frustrated, or that they cannot contribute because reading an essay is hard for them (we have a lot of adhd people) and i know the left is passionately balls deep in writing essays
i am no stranger to that
brevity is a skill and i didn't get it
what i am saying is that we're not having a lot of productive conversations and they've turned into complaints, and i didn't want to time you out or moderate you, i'm asking for a favour
can you please change your tone when you're interacting with others, *even if* theyre being reactionary?
this is specific to #seriousgeneral because, while its not a vent channel, its becoming a cesspit of disagreements and anger
i may change #seriousgeneral 's rules to curb some of this, but for now, i need less confrontation and more discussion
if people won't see eye to eye, its fruitless



@Goldsteel this is specific to #seriousgeneral because, while its not a vent channel, its becoming a cesspit of disagreements and anger
Alex Jade 06/04/2025 18:55
Well, that is the thing. I was writing in such a manner *specifically* because it is a serious channel. If people just want to vent or something, there are other channels for it. But I get what you are saying - even though I disagree. I do not think I will engage at all at that point then, because I think it will be even less productive.

Goldsteel 06/04/2025 18:56
i'm not asking you to be quiet, but i am asking you to 'tango', and that's just not happening with a wall of text in anger
if you don't feel you can, well, i guess that only leaves us with not interacting, but since you want to be a part of this community you do need to coexist with it

@Goldsteel i'm not asking you to be quiet, but i am asking you to 'tango', and that's just not happening with a wall of text in anger
Alex Jade 06/04/2025 18:57
My walls of texts were not typed in anger.

Goldsteel 06/04/2025 18:57
the seriousness of the topic and the channels does not mean you need to be confrontationally hostile *or* writing a W.O.T when the other person isnt

@Alex Jade My walls of texts were not typed in anger.
Goldsteel 06/04/2025 18:57
perceived as such
this is also an ongoing problem, not an explicit today problem
i think you'd have more productive conversations if you modified your approach to engaging with others to allow them to speak a little
mirroring, if you will

Alex Jade 06/04/2025 18:59
But they have room to speak. Or do you mean just replying in bite-sized messages?
There are few exceptions, but most of my engagement in that channel was not even an attempt at discussion to begin with. Most of my messages in there are either me engaging with some content someone was sharing, or correction when was someone posted misinformation.
But yeah, like I said, I understand what you are saying, I am gonna take that into account.

@Alex Jade But they have room to speak. Or do you mean just replying in bite-sized messages?
Goldsteel 06/04/2025 19:02
that would help a bit

Astral_Druid ❄ 02/05/2025 15:07

I'll ask you not to go for the "win more" tactic rather to acknowledge when someone seems to have grasped a lesson.

Remember we are operating a learning space.